Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Any consideration which can be given to, presupposes the gathering of materials if not by the Economic Survey, by some other process. The Government are waiting for their report for taking further action.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what other Governments are doing in this matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to take it that the Government is not aware of what the neighbouring Governments are doing in this matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The Government are aware; but they are not keeping these things ready to be given at the first question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—On second question, may I know, Sir, whether they have got any information?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I want notice.

Reserved Forests—assignment of.

222. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to Question No. 2, dated 31st July 1933, regarding extent of land under cultivation, will the Government be pleased to state what further progress they have made in the line?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Areas fit for cultivation are being excluded from the reserve forests and made available for assignment every year.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, how many acres have been so excluded since answering this question on 13th July 1933?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I have got the total number of figures excluded till the end of 1108. This year's figures are not complete. The total number so far excluded in Chittur extends to 3,436.49 acres; in Talappalli 1,282.05 acres; in Trichur 5,165.35 acres and in Mukundapuram 3,136.47 acres. These are the figures excluded till the end of 1108.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—My question was what further progress they have made in the line.

President.—The Hon'ble Member said that the figures for the current year are not complete.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Even my original question is not answered.

President.—You have been furnished with a reasonable answer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do they admit that the answer called for was not given here?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I don't follow the question. I can give you the approximate figure. It will come to 500 acres. If you want accurate figures, I may say that the thing is not yet complete. I have got the figures up-to-date till the end of 1108.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is there any definite policy for the Government in the matter of such assignments?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Can the Hon'ble Member make it a little more plain?

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—In the matter of such assignments, is there any rule that the neighbouring land-owner will be given the first choice.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The rules are laid down in the Land Revenue Manual that a margin is always given to the neighbouring land-owner and beyond the extent given in the Land Revenue Manual, we put it to auction. And even there we give the first choice to the neighbouring land-owners.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—800 acres. Is the bulk sufficient according to the opinion of Government? Are they making sufficient progress with the 800 acres in one year?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The exclusions are making very rapid progress, but the absorptions are very slow.

Transfer of menial Servants attached to Registry Offices.

223. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether orders have been issued to the Superintendent of Registration to the effect that menial servants attached to Registry Offices should not be transferred under any circumstances;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the fact that many of the menials attached to Registry Offices do not answer to the provisions of Article 88 of the C. S. R.?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

Deputy Inspector, Vadakkancheri— appointment of.

224. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the appointment of Mr. C. A. Vaidyanatha Ayyar, U2, High School, Chittur, to officiate as Deputy Inspector, Vadakkancheri, is not in supersession of the seniority of many teachers in the same grade;

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